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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

Opinion No. 84-32

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*1 The Honorable Earl M. Middleton
Member
House of Representatives
District No. 95—Orangeburg County
211 Amelia Street
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Orangeburg, South Carolina 29115

Dear Representative Middleton:

Mr. Medlock has referred your recent letter to me for reply. You have stated that in accordance with South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, Section 7-5-150, additional times and places for registration of voters are to be given by advance notice of time and place in a newspaper of general circulation in the county. You have inquired if in place of a newspaper notice, a notice given on the radio or by other suitable means would be acceptable for notification.

We have issued a prior opinion of this Office in 1974 which stated that notification by radio of additional registration times and places would be an invalid notification. This opinion was based on the statutory language of Section 7-5-140 which only allows notification by newspaper. (copy enclosed.) However, although radio notification would be insufficient notice in itself, there would be no prohibition to having radio announcements or some other method of notification such as handbills to supplement the required newspaper notice.

Sincerely,

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Senior Assistant Attorney General

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